

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brenda F. Thompson,
Principal of Wooddale High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Brenda F. Thompson has generously shared her skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Wooddale High School as their Principal; under her tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Brenda F. Thompson has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for her students, earning the great respect and admiration of Wooddale High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wooddale High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school; Wooddale has two outstanding optional programs: College Preparatory and Aviation/Travel and Tourism; eight of the school's Travel and Tourism students qualified for the National DECA Competition in Anaheim, California, and members of Wooddale's Technology Student Association placed first in Medical Technology and third in the Agricultural and Biotech Challenge; the Cardinal chess team are State Chess Co-champions; the Cardinal basketball team was a Class 15AAA District runner-up and a regional semi-finalist; and

WHEREAS, Wooddale High School boasts an enrollment of 1,620 students and promotion rates of 91 percent with an average class size of thirty; moreover, fully 60 percent of

the faculty have Master's or Doctoral degrees, with ninety-seven percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, in the 2003-2004 school year, Wooddale High School met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Wooddale High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including Advanced Placement Courses, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl Team, Technology Student Association, ROTC, Tri-M Music Honor Society, In Roads, Teens for Peace, Mu Alpha Theta, ASPIRE, DECA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, BPA, Bridge Builders, CLUE, DARE, and Algebra Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Wooddale High School has also partnered with corporations, including IBM, Douglas Aviation, and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Brenda F. Thompson's message to the Wooddale High School community is one of substance: "This year we are challenging all students and all parents to 'Assume 100% Accountability' for themselves and their actions at all times. It is a fact that we cannot continue to settle for just 'doing good' because 'Good Is No Longer Good Enough.' As Wooddale Cardinals you will be expected to strive to achieve your full potential as you reach your desired goal and assume a productive role in society."; and

WHEREAS, in her many years in education and educational administration, Brenda F. Thompson has, by her commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of her students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Brenda F. Thompson for her outstanding

record as Principal of Wooddale High School, and for her many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under her care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Brenda F. Thompson for her commitment to the education of the youth of her community, her devotion to their best interests, and her many contributions to her community and to this State. We offer her our best wishes for every success in all her future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.